

THE METROPOLITAN SOCCER
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.RESULTS OF MATCHES
PLAYED 16th AUGUST, 1924.

State Championship.
Sydney beat Granville 3-2.
1st Grade 1st Division.
Balmain Gladstones beat Pyrmont Rangers 2-1.
Auburn beat Balmain Fernleigh 5-2.
Two Blues beat Gladesville 3-1.
2nd Division.
Rangers beat Lachlan Rangers 4-0.
Pyrmont beat Balmain Scottish 4-0.
West Sydney v St. George 3-0.
Canterbury beat Leichhardt 1-0.
Sunlight Cup.
Metters beat Drummoyne 6-1.
Sydney beat South Sydney 3-0.
Pyrmont beat Gladesville 3-0.
Campsie Thistle beat Booralee Rovers 3-1.
Annandale Albion beat Botany Albions 3-1.
Lilyfield Rangers beat Manly 5-0.
Eastern Suburbs beat Northern Suburbs 4-1.
Alexandria drew with Callan Park 2-2.
Sunlight beat Burns Club 3-0.
Garden Island beat Fire Brigades.
West Sydney forfeited to Bankstown.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Goals
Granville	11	9	1	1	40	14	19	
Two Blues	11	5	2	4	16	13	14	
Auburn	12	4	4	4	16	18	12	
Bal. Gladstones	10	4	3	3	17	23	11	
Pyrmont Rgs.	11	3	5	3	23	21	9	
Sydney	10	2	3	5	15	13	9	
Gladesville	11	3	5	3	17	28	9	
Bal. Fernleigh	12	—	7	5	9	23	5	

Second Division

Rangers	13	9	2	2	41	13	20
Pyrmont	13	8	2	3	38	19	19
West Sydney	13	6	1	6	36	17	18
St. George	12	6	4	2	27	17	14
Leichhardt	12	5	5	2	25	20	12
Bal. Scottish	13	2	8	3	13	38	7
Lachlan Rgs.	13	3	10	—	20	45	6
Canterbury	13	2	9	2	19	51	6

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W. LINCOLN CUP.

1st DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Goals
Granville	4	3	—	1	15	5	7	
Two Blues	4	3	—	1	7	3	7	
Bal. Gladstones	4	3	1	—	5	3	6	
Gladesville	5	1	2	2	7	12	4	
Auburn	5	2	3	—	8	11	4	
Pyrmont Rgs.	4	1	3	—	8	8	2	
Bal. Fernleigh	5	—	3	2	7	14	2	
Sydney	3	—	1	2	2	3	2	

2nd DIVISION

West Sydney	6	4	—	2	18	5	10
Pyrmont	6	5	1	—	15	4	10
Rangers	6	4	1	1	23	2	9
Canterbury	6	2	3	1	7	25	5
Lachlan Rgs.	6	2	4	—	6	17	4
Leichhardt	5	1	3	1	4	5	3
St. George	5	1	4	—	7	10	2
Bal. Scottish	6	1	4	1	5	18	2

SUNLIGHT CUP.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Goals
Ann. Albion	3	3	—	—	12	1	6	
Metters	3	3	—	—	15	2	6	
Bankstown	3	3	—	—	4	1	6	
Alexandria	3	2	—	1	6	4	5	
Pyrmont	3	2	—	1	6	1	5	
Sydney	3	2	—	1	7	2	5	
Sunlight	3	2	—	1	11	3	5	
Eastern Subs.	3	2	—	1	10	4	5	
Garden Island	3	2	—	1	3	2	5	
Lilyfield Rgs.	3	2	1	—	9	6	4	
Campsie Thistle	3	2	1	—	5	3	4	
Botany Albions	3	1	1	1	9	6	3	
Callan Park	3	1	1	1	5	9	3	
Booralee Rov.	3	1	2	—	6	8	2	
West Sydney	3	—	2	1	2	4	1	
Manly	3	—	2	1	4	14	1	
Fire Brigades	3	—	3	—	1	6	0	
Gladesville	3	—	3	—	1	9	0	
South Sydney	3	—	3	—	0	12	0	
Northern Subs.	3	—	3	—	3	2	7	0
Drummoyne	3	—	3	—	4	12	0	
Burns Club	3	—	3	—	1	9	0	

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Gardiner Cup.

Bal. Fernleigh v Wallsend.
Wentworth Park Oval, 3.15. (Mr. H. Reay).

Bal. Gladstones v West Wallsend, Tramway Ground, Newcastle. (Mr. W. Wright).

Fifth Series.

Auburn v Two Blues, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 3.15. Mr. A. Court).

Pyrmont Rangers v Sydney Leichhardt Oval, 3.15. (Mr. A. W. Bates).

Seventh Series.

Gladesville v Granville, Clyde Oval, 3.15. (Mr. J. Lester).

Second Division, 7th Series.

Lachlan Rangers v Pyrmont, Wentworth Park Oval, 1.45. (Mr. G. McLay).

Rangers v St. George, St George Sports Ground, 3.15. (Mr. T. Anderson).

Bal. Scottish v Leichhardt, Ibrox Park, 3.15. (Mr. T. Leighton).

West Sydney v Canterbury, Canterbury, 3.15. (Mr. A. C. Kerr).

SUNLIGHT CUP.

Fourth Round.

Pyrmont v Campsie, Ibrox Pk., 1.45 (Mr. A. Cockwell).

Gladesville v South Sydney, Leichhardt Oval, 1.45 (Mr. L. Gill).

Booralee Rovers v Metters, Waterloo, 1.45 (Mr. A. White).

Sydney v Botany Albions (Mr. G. Skelly).

Annandale Alt. v Manly, S.C.G. No. 2, 1.45 (Mr. McGrath).

Callan Park v Garden Island, Callan Park, 2.15 (L. Pattison).

Lilyfield Rangers v Burns Club (W. Clark).

Fire Brigades v Bankstown (H. Battin).

Sunlight v North Sydney (J. Hopper).

MATCHES OUTSTANDING
AFTER TO-DAY.

Bal. Gladstones v Gladesville (re-play).

Fourth Series.

Bal. Fernleigh v Bal. Gladstones.

Pyrmont Rgs. v Two Blues.

Sydney v Granville.

Fifth Series.

Gladesville v Bal. Gladstones.

Sixth Series.

Bal. Gladstones v Granville.

Auburn v Sydney.

Seventh Series.

Two Blues v Sydney.

Second Division.

Leichhardt v St. George (deferred).

Outstanding Matches.—Granville 2, Auburn 1, Two Blues 2.

Bal. Fernleigh 2, Bal. Gladstones 4, Pyrmont Rangers 2, Sydney 3, Gladesville 2.

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INTERSTATE TROPHY PRESENTATION BY F.A.

(From the "Evening News")

London, Monday Evening. Mr. Clegg, chairman of the English Football Association, today made the presentation to the Australian Association of a silver trophy for Interstate competition, and in doing so he said that whenever and wherever possible he would help to maintain friendly relationship between the two associations.

Arrangements were, he said, being made to send a team to Australia. He hoped it would be representative and that it would win, but if Australia won the British Association would not begrudge her the slightest merit.

Mr. Gibbs, in accepting the trophy on behalf of the Australian Association, said Australia would be proud of so handsome a gift.

Incidentally he recalled the fact that 40 years ago he captained the Victorian team in the first interstate match in Australia.—Reuter.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.

The next Council meeting of the State Association will be held at the week-end, when the draws for the semi-finals of the Gardiner and Richardson Cups will be made.

The Kurri Kurri v West Wallsend Gardiner Cup fixture takes place next Saturday at the Tramway Ground, Newcastle.

The final of the Gardiner Cup has been fixed for September 20th. One semi-final may be played on September 6th, the other will be decided on September 13th.

CANADIAN GOALIE.

Mosher's Bad Luck.

(From the "S.M.H.")

Vancouver, Aug. 25. Harry Mosher, goalkeeper of the Canadian Soccer team which recently visited Australia, who broke a leg when playing at Melbourne on July 2nd, has entered hospital here. The leg will have to be re-broken and re-set. H. Chapman, who was also injured is making good progress.—Reuter.

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ALTERATION TO LAWS OF THE GAME.

The International Board has approved of the following additions and alterations to the laws of the game:—

To Law 6 add: "It is not a breach of the law for a player to be in an off-side position, but only when in that position he interferes with an opponent, or with the play; if the player who is in an off-side position advances towards an opponent or the ball, and in so doing causes play to be affected, he shall be penalised." In rule 10 the words "Corner-kick" are struck out. This means that in the taking of a corner kick

players may advance within 10 yards of the ball. Law 11 has been altered to read, "That a goal can be scored direct from a corner-kick, or from a free kick which is awarded, because of any infringement of Law 9, but not from any other free kick." To Law 13 (duties and powers of referees) add, "If in the opinion of the referee, a player has been seriously injured, the game shall be stopped immediately and the player at once removed from the field of play, and the play resumed. If the player is apparently slightly injured, the game shall not be stopped until the ball has ceased to be in play.

These amendments will come into force through Australia for the season 1925.

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Editorial

THE ENGLISH TOUR.

Following upon the cablegram received by the Commonwealth Football Association setting out the proposal of the English Football Association in respect to the sending of the English team to Australia next season, we read with interest the cabled remarks of the chairman of the English Association (Mr. Clegg) on the occasion of the presenting to Mr. A. G. Gibbs, the Australasian representative, of a silver cup for Interstate competition in Australia. Mr. Clegg is reported to have said that "whenever and wherever possible he would help to maintain friendly relationship between the two associations," and further remarked that "arrangements were being made to send a team to Australia." He hoped that it would be a representative team, and that it would win, but if Australia won, the British Association would not begrudge her the slightest merit.

These are very laudable sentiments, and, of course, what one would expect under the circumstances, but is the English Association doing at the present time everything possible to maintain friendly relationship with its affiliated bodies overseas. We have for the last decade been endeavouring to secure the visit of a British team to Australia. The estimate of cost before the war was £4000; to-day it is nearly £20,000. Two years ago we were told that a professional side would cost £7000 extra for wages and etc. To-day a composite side may cost us £6500 extra over the cost of travelling. The English Association has certainly circularised its clubs, and has promised to send a representative team; should it not be prepared to subsidise in some way the sending of the team?

There is little doubt that the amount we require to finance the tour will be found. That it will tax our resources none can deny. In fact, some of the States have

DISTRICT FOOTBALL

EIGHT DISTRICTS CHOSEN.

Gladesville-Ryde Instead Western Suburbs.

The adjourned special general meeting of the Metropolitan Soccer Football Association last Monday night made some very important decisions, the chief of which are that football competitions next year under the district scheme shall be conducted on a residential basis, and that Gladesville-Ryde be a district instead of Western Suburbs, as recommended by the Sub-committee.

The decisions arrived at to date are as follows:—

(1) "That in view of the report of the special sub-committee appointed by Council, this special general meeting adopts the principle of District Football for next year, and instructs the sub-committee to draft a new set of competition rules for submission to the Annual Rules Revision meeting."

(2) That district football be played on a strictly residential basis, each district club to have a first and second grade.

(3) That the number of district clubs in the metropolitan area be eight.

(4) The following district clubs were then decided upon:—Balmain, Annandale-Leichhardt, Pyrmont, Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury, St. George, Gladesville-Ryde and Granville.

The special meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m. till Monday, the 8th September, at the Sports Club, at 8 p.m.

Next Monday, the 1st September, the ordinary meeting of the Council will be held. The main business of the next meeting will be the deciding of the boundaries for the different districts, after which the remaining recommendations of the sub-committee will be dealt with. The decision to include as a district, Gladesville-Ryde, instead of Western Suburbs, was not altogether unexpected, and was decided upon by 35 votes to 27. It was almost unanimously decided to alter the name of the proposed Sydney District to Eastern Suburbs.

unofficially intimated that they do not wish the team to be invited to Australia under the conditions laid down. This, of course, is foolish; we have waited for the last ten years for a team, and we must be prepared to take it in the terms laid down by the Old Country.

The present proposal to land

the English team at Fremantle, complete an itinerary in Australia first, then New Zealand, and later Canada is a sound one. If the financial side can be settled satisfactorily between the three countries, then there is no need for delay at this end, and steps should be taken immediately to secure Australia's quota.

THE PENALTY KICK.

A Big Blot on Football.

The simplicity of Association football (says the "Athletic News") is often insisted upon by the leaders of the game as one of its greatest charms. That the pastime, in its main features, is obvious, and, therefore, appealing to the average, cannot be denied. Nor can we advocate any change which would introduce complications of real difficulty.

But those who are the guardians of the game, the International Board and the governing bodies of each country must place justice, the purity of the play, and the encouragement of the art even before simplicity.

Of late backs, and others engaged in the defence, have been guilty of acting as a second goalkeeper, of using their hands when the custodian is beaten, and preventing a certain score.

This, of course, involves a penalty kick—which may or may not be converted. This is cheating and taking the risk of discovery and punishment under the mistaken idea that the back, or other defender, has to resort to any low dodge, any mean trick, any contemptible expedient to "save the goal."

This wilful handling on the line of the goal has been seen of late in both Cup-ties and League matches of the first rank.

In their long journeys about Great Britain some members of every League team play cards—very often for small money stakes. What would these players think of one of their party who was detected cheating? There would probably be a scene akin to the proceedings of The Society Upon The Stanislaus owing to "sinful games." The offender might be caused to give "a kind of sickly smile" and curl up "on the floor."

Dastardly Cheating.

There is no difference between cheating at cards and cheating at football. But the Football Association, having no power to appoint a Shadbolt person to administer the cat-o'-nine tails, sits with solemn mien, and passes the following resolution:—

The Council of the F.A. places on record its views that the action of a player in preventing the scoring of the goal by a deliberate infringement of the laws is emphatically contrary to the spirit of the game, and is certain to

bring it into disrepute, and is most reprehensible.

This is an expression of piety and does not hit anybody where it will hurt. The player takes the risk of the penalty-kick, because the spot-drive has been known to fail, and because he thinks his action is justified by the end in view. This is false argument, and a farrago of nonsense.

The footballer who cheats his fellow-player out of the just reward of his skill and toll might just as well pick his pocket of the bonus that would probably drop into it but for his despicable act. If men are going to play a game they should abide by the rules or be adequately punished.

Give the Penalty Kick Value.

This resolution is excellent as an expression of sentiment. But that is all. Twenty years ago, in the columns of this newspaper we advocated that the penalty kick should be given a scoring value. Our opinion has never changed.

To endow this kick with a decisive value would entail altering the laws of the game which decree that a goal only counts in deciding the issue. But we would give the penalty kick a scoring value, the same as the try in Rugby football. That still retains simplicity.

It will be urged that this would be severe. But nothing can be too drastic that saves a national and a spectacular sport, the passion of the people, from an indelible stain. Twenty years ago we emphasised that one penalty kick in every three does not produce a goal. The cheat takes the chance of a failure. If he knew that the penalty kick, whether converted or not, carried a value next to a goal, he would be very chary of stooping to defeat a foe. Further, we still believe in points for goal values, and would award the highest points of all for a penalty goal.

Goals from open play may be brilliant, a glorious climax to art and craft, but the purity of play should be the cardinal principle enforced by rule. Let the punishment fit the crime. Out upon a ruffian who would resort to any device to save or win a game.

With such a change, passed by the International Board, backs would refrain from cheating because their side might be beaten by one goal and one penalty kick to one goal. Why not? Directors would see that penalty kicks were not given away.

We feel that the game would be cleansed and that the task of referees would be made easier, for fouls by the defenders are more frequent than by the rest of the team put together.

Resolutions look very nice and sound like an organ in full swell—but they do not hurt.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. Leeson, the President of the Tasmanian Council made himself very popular during his short stay in Sydney.

His services as scrutineer have been most invaluable at the last two special general meetings. He returned to Tasmania via Melbourne last Tuesday.

Mr. Fred Robertson, the popular Secretary of the Granville team, and a Vice-President of the Metropolitan Association, is quite the hero of the "district" debate. He voted for the district system, when his colleagues from Granville voted against it, and later was successful in having the proposed Western Suburbs District eliminated and Gladesville-Ryde substituted.

Congratulations to Messrs. Vic Paling, W. Robinson, and A. Magee on having the proposed Sydney District altered to Eastern Suburbs. The alteration is undoubtedly a good move, and the round ball code is destined to have a fine representative side from that district.

HINTS FOR CLUB SECRETARIES.

- (1) All protests must be in writing, and in duplicate, and lodged with 10/- fee within two days.
- (2) See that your club always has a ball available.
- (3) See that your players take the field in proper uniform—fines will be enforced.
- (4) Send the result of your match to the Secretary each week, whether you win or lose.
- (5) Send your delegate to the Council Meeting, held on the first Monday in each month

The N.D.B.F. Association

By Full Back.

WEST WALLSEND TOO GOOD FOR GLADSTONES.

The Tramway Ground held its biggest crowd this season, when Balmain Gladstones and West Wallsend (holders) met in the Gardiner Cup. Mr. W. Wright, the referee, had a great reception when he entered the playing area. Both teams received a good round of applause on taking the field. Balmain won the toss, and defended the gate end; W. Maunder kicked off, and Balmain were for a time on the defence, Cartwright clearing Muir's good shot. Smith sent to Erickson, who beat Forbes then sent to Muir, who put over a fine centre, which W. Maunder headed into the net, but the whistle had gone for off-side. Westy kept up the attack, and Cartwright brought off a great save when Coutts sent in a hard drive for the corner.

Forbes secured at centre and sent out to Welch, who beat Smith, and took down the wing. H. Maunder cleared. Welch again made a good run and beat H. Maunder, and sent across to Brennan, but Coutts rushed out and dived on the ball and threw behind. C. Coutts headed clear from the corner. West Wallsend had two free kicks in succession, but both were cleared; then Muir went close, his hard shot hitting the upright. Coutts next had to clear from Brennan; Cartwright was again in the limelight stopping a fine drive from Maunder, and another a moment later, this time from Muir. Westy were rewarded when W. Maunder received from H. Maunder, and put into the net out of Cartwright's reach. Half-time scores:—West Wallsend 1, Balmain nil.

In the second half, Forbes was conspicuous in stopping several attacks till Muir received from McLauchlan, sent back to Erickson, who beat Cartwright with a very fast shot. W.W. 2—nil. This score was quickly added to when Maunder secured a rebound from Gallen, and quickly netted from close in. W.W. 3—nil. Welch was conspicuous in a run up the wing, but H. Maunder cut across and kicked out, but was injured in the clearance. Forbes next took down the centre and tried a long shot. Coutts caught and cleared; Muir received from Coolahan, and put past the backs. Cartwright came out, and in

trying to clear his head came in contact with Maunders' knee. The game was held up for some time until he recovered. Balmain were penalised for kicking the ball before it touched the ground, when the referee bounced the ball. Driscoll cleared a dangerous position. Brennan tried to dribble through, but H. Maunder stopped him and sent to Muir, who crossed to Erickson, who caught on the full and sent into the net. W.W. 4—nil. Cartwright here left the field and as he approached the stand the crowd arose as one man and generously applauded, showing sympathy for his injury and also their praise for his brilliant work between the sticks. McIvor went into goal. Brown, after several good attempts, was rewarded with a goal after Creighton had partially stopped the ball. Muir next scored when McIvor ran out to clear and kicked up against Muir, who secured and put into the open goal. Forbes and Gallen tried hard to score, but James and C. Coutts were always in the way. Near the close W. Maunder again scored, thereby doing the hat-trick. The champions put up a great game. The forwards combined well, and were pretty to watch. In defence, West Wallsend shone; Clarrie Coutts at centre half was perhaps the best defender. Balmain played a great game in the first half, but were never in the hunt in the second half.

Cartwright was brilliant in goal and was the idol of the crowd. Gallen did not live up to his reputation, but he was up against a stiff proposition in the Blues forward line. Creighton was good in defence, but failed to feed his forwards. Forbes did good work in this respect. Mr. W. Wright handled the game splendidly.

After the game the visiting team were motored to West Wallsend, where an excellent repast was laid by the ladies' committee of Westy Club. Mr. Andy Stirling presided, and after the loyal toast called upon Mr. T. Wylie to propose the Balmain team. Mr. Ron Storey suitably replied, and thanked Westy for their hospitality. Other toasts were honored. N.D. B.F.A. and ladies.

In the evening the visitors were

the guests of the Sports Club at their dance, where an enjoyable time was spent. The non-dancers spent most of the time playing ping-pong.

West Wallsend team wore a fine new set of jerseys, the present of Mr. T. Wylie, Vice-President of the club.

This is the second occasion Mr. Wylie has been generous in this respect.

Notes.

Jimmy Woods of Westy B Grade, is showing great form at full back, and with Ern Richardson as partner make a very solid defence. In the second round their defence was only penetrated once, and that from a penalty kick. Jimmy played a great game at right half against Rovers in the Richardson Cup.

"Dodger" White, who played left half for Balmain Gladstone is perhaps the oldest player in the game.

Dodger could not hold "Bunny" Muir, the young 'un being too fast.

WALLSEND v. FERNLEIGH.

At Wentworth Park, Sydney Wallsend and Fernleigh played a scoreless draw; although extra time was played no goals were registered.

Wallsend did most of the attacking, but poor shooting by the forwards spoilt good openings. The game will be re-played on the Tramway to-day, and extra time will (if necessary) be played.

After the game Fernleigh entertained Wallsend, and a real good evening was spent. Wallsend will reciprocate to-day at Wallsend after the game.

CESSNOCK DEFEAT NEATH.

At Neath, Cessnock defeated the locals by 2 goals to 1. Neath played a great game, and were unlucky to lose. Cessnock were awarded two penalties, and Lennard only succeeded in putting one into the net. He, however, scored with a beautiful shot later on, and put his team in front. Referee Wright came in for a good deal of criticism his awarding of the second penalty being badly received, and luckily Lennard's attempt at converting was poor—this pleased the spectators.

Player Hughes received his marching orders, and will appear before committee this week-end.

ADAMSTOWN STOP WESTON.

After defeating the three leaders, Weston were looked upon as certain to defeat the Buds, and with being on their home ground they were favorites. A good crowd was in attendance. There was plenty of excitement. The score at half-time was 2 all. Williams and Mathieson for Weston, and Russell for the Buds were the scorers. After the interval Adamstown put on two more goals one by Russell, and Oliver assisted with the other. Weston, however, were not to be denied, and came with a determined rush, scoring two goals and thus equalising. Just on full time Dunn centred, Austin fumbling the ball and this allowed Russell to put into the net, thus snatching victory right on time.

KURRI DEFEAT NEW LAMBTON.

Another tall-scoring game was played at Kurri. The home team defeated the Chatrocks by 6 goals to 1. Foley 3, McNab 1, Bennett 1, and Wells 1 scored for the winners and Oughton scored New Lambton's only goal.

THIRD GRADE RESULTS.

Islington defeated Mayfield 5 goals to 1.

Inter-District Schools Fixture. Central defeated Rosehill (Sydney) by 11 goals to 1 on the Tramway. Mr. E. Masterson, an ex-Secretary of N.D.B.F.A. was in charge of the visitors.

B GRADE SEMI-FINAL.

The early game at the Tramway was played between Adamstown and Merewether, the winner to meet West Wallsend in the final. The game was the best junior game seen on the Tramway this season; the combination of both teams was splendid, and the goalkeepers performed wonderfully. Both had plenty to do, as the forwards of each team put in some very good shots. A draw—2 all—was a true reflex of the game, and a re-play will be played to-day as the early match to the Gardiner Cup fixture.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CUP.

At Young Wallsend, Cardiff, after three attempts, succeeded in ouing the third grade team, Swansea, from the S.W. Cup competition by 3 to 1. Cardiff played good combination, and Whitsor again scored two goals for Cardiff, while Straker scored the other. Swansea scored from a free kick against the goalkeeper for carrying; Cardiff packed the goal, but Swansea's shot deflected from one of the players into the net. Thus Cardiff enter round No. 2 of the Junior K.O. Cup.

Barnsley and New Lambton again met in the S.W. Cup fixture and for the second time played a 1-all draw. Extra time was played, but without result being altered. The match will be re-played at Wallsend to-day.

UNDER 16 SEMI-FINAL.

The early game was played between Cardiff and Kia Ora in the C Grade semi-final. Kia Ora maintained their consistency by outing Cardiff 4 goals to 1, and thus enter the final, and will meet the winners of West Wallsend v. Merewether.

West Wallsend under 18 were to have played their last fixture in the B Grade second round. Broadmeadow not being able to raise a team forfeited, and played a friendly game Westy winning 3 to nil.

APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES.

The appointment of Mr. W. Wright to the Gardiner Cup fixture on the Tramway Ground last week was subject to criticism mostly levelled at the appointment board by persons who do not know the circumstances. As a member of the appointment board, I am perfectly satisfied that Mr. Wright justified his appointment, and controlled the game to the satisfaction of public as well as the players. Newcastle had an opportunity of witnessing one of Sydney's best tooters, and we can now judge between Sydney's and our own.

To-day Wallsend will re-play their Gardiner Cup fixture, and patrons can be assured of a good

afternoon's sport. Very few alterations will be made in the Boshies team, and after last week's draw a keen contest should be witnessed.

The early game will be the re-played B Grade semi, and persons who missed the curtain-raiser last week should make an effort to arrive at the Tramway early to-day, and if last week's performance is repeated, they will not be disappointed.

Fourth Grade Final.

At Young Wallsend Cardiff meet Wakefield in the Fourth Grade final. Both teams are the Cup winners of their respective divisions, and a good even game should be the result. It will be preceded by the Under 16 semi-final, between Merewether and West Wallsend. Extra time will in both instances be played if required.

The main senior competition fixture will be played at Kurri where Cessnock meet Kurri. The 'Nocks need every point to get near Wallsend for the premiership. Kurri, however, will be all out to score a victory, and thus give their supporters hope for the meeting of Westy in the State event.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Gardiner Cup.

Wallsend v Fernleigh, Tramway Ground, 3.15. Referee, Mr. J. Sneddon.

Senior Grade.

Kurri v Cessnock, 3.15. Referee, Mr. C. Nix.

Neath v West Wallsend, 3.15. Referee, Mr. B. Pratten.

New Lambton v Weston, 3.15. Referee, Mr. S. Smith.

Third Grade.

Rovers v Dudley, 1.30. Referee, Mr. D. McLaren.

Swansea v Adamstown, 3.15. Referee, Mr. R. J. Roberts.

Fourth Grade—Final.

Cardiff v Wakefield, 3 p.m. Referee, Mr. W. Shipp.

Under 18.

Merewether v Adamstown Tramway Ground, 1.30. Referee, Mr. W. Stott.

Under 16—Semi-Final.

Merewether v West Wallsend 1.30. Referee, Mr. B. Lane.

Sherwin Williams Cup.

Barnsley v New Lambton, at Wallsend, 3.15. Referee, Mr. J. Sanderson.

TALL SCORING.

A noticeable feature of Saturday games was the number of goals scored in the senior ranks—twenty goals for and 7 against. The Weston v Adamstown being responsible for more goals than any other matches. Are our goalkeepers slipping, or have the forwards struck form. Masser Russell, for Adamstown, scored 4 goals, and was in good mood. Congratulations Masser on your performance; also on joining the band of benedicts.

RESULTS OF KURRI JUNIORS' MATCHES, AUGUST 16th.

Kurri Juniors 1, Adamstown 0. Richardson Cup. Harmon scored. This puts Kurri in the semi-final.

Kurri 16 2, Cessnock 0, at Cessnock. Jenkins 1, Blake 1. Kurri 16 has now won the premiership of this competition.

Kurri 4ths 3, Maitland 0. Gemmell 2, Richardson 1.

Kurri under 14 3 (Brown 2, Charlton 1), Kurri N.E. 14 3 (Barnett 1, Hargraves 1, Picton 1), at Abermain.

Kurri N.E. 4ths 2 (Turnbull 1, Myall 1, Kearsley 0).

This game was for the premiership, and once more it was proved that these lot of Kurri boys are evenly matched. They finished level in the competition, each losing only three points, three draws, and they have met three times and played a draw each time. When they next meet if the game is played in Kurri these boys will be certain to attract a big crowd, as they are the talk of the town.

KURRI JUNIORS.

After a great game at Abermain for the premiership, Kurri North End under 14 defeated Kurri Juniors 14 by 1—0. Extra time had to be played before the destiny of the Cup was settled. Barnett was the scorer for the winners. Last week these two teams played a draw. This is three times these teams have met this season, and the first time a victory has been secured for either side. Kurri Seconds went down easily to Kearsley in the semi-final of the comp. at Cessnock by 5—1. Kearsley looks certs for the Cup and medals. Kurri 3rd 1, Cessnock W.E. nil, at Cessnock, Semi-final.

KERR CUP.

Second Round Draw.

West Wallsend v New Lambton. Cessnock v Neath. Adamstown v Kurri. Weston the bye. The bye was caused by Mayfield with drawing from the competition.

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CUP.

Second Round.

Boolaroo 3rds v Holmesville. Islington v New Lambton or Barnsley. Minmi v Teralba. Jesmond v Merewether or Broadmeadow. Boolaroo 4ths v Adamstown. West Wallsend v Cardiff. Kia-Ora v Rovers. Hamilton v Dudley.

MARIST BROTHERS SCHOOL.

Blue and White drew with Red. Score, nil—nil. Black and White defeated Green. Score, 1—nil. P. Colligan scored from a penalty. Cerise and Blue drew with Blue and Gold. Score, nil—nil. Red, Green and Blue and White are level for 1st place (11 points each), with Blue and Gold second (10 points). Next Wednesday's matches, the last of the second round, will probably bring about a complete change. Black and White (7 points), Cerise and Blue (4 points) hold 3rd and 4th places.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	Seniors			Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Wallsend	13	8	1	4	25	16	20			
West Wallsend	14	9	4	1	49	12	19			
Adamstown	15	8	5	2	23	17	18			
Cessnock	12	7	2	3	23	12	17			
Kurri Kurri	13	6	7	0	26	25	12			
Weston	12	5	6	1	26	27	11			
New Lambton	14	3	8	3	11	25	9			
Neath	14	2	8	4	15	24	8			
Mayfield	11	2	9	0	11	50	4			

Third Grade.

				Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Rovers	13	11	2	0	28	7	22			
Killingworth	14	10	2	2	26	17	22			
West Wallsend	13	8	2	3	23	12	19			
Adamstown	13	8	3	2	23	22	18			
Boolaroo	14	7	3	4	27	14	18			
Dudley	13	6	3	4	34	20	16			
Islington	14	7	4	3	24	23	17			
Teralba	14	6	4	4	20	27	16			
Minmi	14	6	6	2	21	14	14			
Holmesville	14	5	5	4	22	20	14			
Swansea	12	3	3	6	21	15	12			
Barnsley	14	3	9	2	19	29	8			
Young Wallsend	14	2	10	2	7	24	6			
New Lambton	14	1	13	0	4	5	2			
Mayfield	14	0	14	0	7	47	0			

Under 18 or B Grade (Complete).

Second Round.

				Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
West Wallsend	5	5	0	0	14	1	10			
Merewether	5	2	1	2	11	9	6			
Adamstown	5	3	2	0	9	9	6			
Rovers	5	2	2	1	13	4	5			
Broadmeadow	5	1	3	1	5	9	3			
Newtown	5	0	5	0	2	22	0			

THE SYDNEY CLUB.

An Explanation.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As Sydney was not at full strength last week against Pyrmont Rangers at Leichhardt Oval, and as one daily newspaper, if not more, commented very adversely against the Sydney Club in allowing five of their regular players to stand down, I feel that in fairness to the club and the player in question that I must explain.

Three of the players—S. G. Montgomery, H. J. Sherringham, and N. Charlton—were suffering from injuries, and had been treated for same during the week. It is doubtful if the three players just named will all be sufficiently recovered to play against Auburn this Saturday. The other two players—G. Smart and T. Robson—were away from the city, Smart on his annual leave, and Robson on business.

With these five players out of the eleven, Sydney fielded a team which Pyrmont Rangers could only defeat by 2 goals to nil, and which shows that Sydney played the best team available.

As it was, W. H. Wilson played, when he should have looked on, with the result that he did not improve his knee, and went to outside left in the second half.

Owing to playing last Saturday, he will in all probability be looking on to-day. Had the paper in question been more careful in its remarks, this explanation would not have been needed.

Yours, etc.,

V. PALING,
Hon. Sec. Sydney F.C.

The New South Wales Examination Board of Referees—Messrs. W. Wright, T. Crawford, and W. Cunningham—will examine the South Coast Referees at the weekend. The examination of Newcastle and Maitland Referees will take place at Newcastle on September 13th.

Mr. Sam Stone, the Hon. Sec. of the Auburn F.C., made out a good case for the retention of the proposed Western Suburbs District, but the numbers were against both him and the sub-committee.

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PROGRAMME

WENTWORTH, 1.45 p.m.

Pymont Rangers

Referee: W. Bates.

1—G. BOOTH	2—G. CLIFTON
3—W. ANDERSON	4—G. CLIFTON
5—J. GRAY	6—R. MAITLAND
7—A. McLEAN	8—S. LLOYD
9—W. RUSHTON	10—C. JOHNSTON
11—J. McKINNEY	12—J. COHEN
13—W. JAMES	14—W. KETTYLE
15—J. SELBY	16—W. SYM
17—C. KETTHAM	18—A. ELLIS

(Blue with Gold band and Collar)

Reserves—Rangers: 12—T. O'Toole.

WENTWORTH, 3.15 p.m.

Balmain Gladstones v. Gladesville

Referee: Mr. J. Lester.

Linesmen: G. Packwood and G. S. Davis.

BALMAIN GLADSTONES
(Black and Stripes)

1—F. GALLAN	2—J. DRISCOLL
3—A. CREIGHTON	4—L. BEE
5—R. WHITE	6—H. ROBERTSON
7—G. MACFARLANE	8—W. GLACHEN
9—H. HENSON	10—E. HEYMAN
11—R. BROWN	12—D. FOWLER
13—W. WELCH	14—J. SINCLAIR
15—W. BULL	16—W. ZEY
17—J. LYON	18—E. PONT

Reserves—Balmain Gladstones: 11—D. McIvor.

Reserves—Gladesville: 11—S. O. Else.

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THE COMPETITIONS.

Will Alex. Mission A or St. Johns Bal. A become First Grade premiers for 1924? Though the Balmain boys have a point lead, to-day they will meet the much improved Hurlstone Park Congs, which team upset the Mission a fortnight ago. On paper St. Johns should be victorious, but Elphenson and Co. will keep them moving. Mr. Ref. Brydie will handle the game. St. Pauls will probably extend the Mission. It is remembered that St. Pauls are the only team to lower St. Johns colors, but then again they went under to Ryde Meth. last week, and Secretary Uebel does not claim his team as the best in the competition. However, if both teams reproduce their true form, great football should result. Knight will be available for the Mission. Mr. D. Jackson will handle the game.

St. Clements may be surprised to-day if Ryde Meth. produce last week's form. Lakemba Congs A should account for St. Aidans A.

Newtown Congs A should dispose of All Saints in the second grade K.O. match to-day.

Owing to faulty work of the Hon. Secretary, St. Silas and St. Bartholomew did not meet last Saturday. St. Silas should win to-day. St. Bartholomew will certainly be extended by St. Lukes at St. Peters No. 1. Mr. Cornish will handle the game. Should St. Silas and St. Lukes both win to-day, and the former team can defeat St. Bartholomew in two deferred matches, then they win. Still there are quite a lot of "ifs."

Will St. Johns Glebe worry Lakemba Congs B? Lakemba cannot be beaten for the comp., and up to the present they have not suffered defeat. The Glebe boys reckon they'll do the trick, and they certainly stand a fair chance. Mr. Ref. Lovett will officiate.

Canterbury Ground.

Secretaries who teams are playing on Canterbury Sports Ground on 6th prox. should apply to the Association for admission tickets, otherwise they will have to pay entrance fee.

St. George.

The final will to-day be played on St. George Sports Ground, be-

tween Carlton Meth. A and Campsie Meth. On paper the latter team should get home, though not by too great a margin. Mr. Ref. Crutchley will blow the whistle.

South Sydney.

A meeting of the South Sydney team was held in St. Silas School last Monday, when an organising committee was appointed to further church football in the district. Mr. C. A. Harman (the energetic Hon. Sec. of Alex. Congs energetic Hon. Secretary of Alex. Congs.), 275 Belmont Street, Alexandria, was elected Branch Secretary, while Messrs. J. Woods (Zambuck), J. Dennis, Redfern Willy and Date will assist him. With such a committee this branch should indeed go far.

1st October.

The presentation of trophies will be made on the above date in the I.O.O.F. Temple. Tickets may be obtained from the Association (2/- each).

North Sydney.

This branch has been a failure this year, and it will take all the organising prowess of the present officials to have a successful competition next season. We hope that Mr. Holmes will see his way clear to throw his weight behind the scheme in 1925.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

First Grade.

Lakemba Congs A v St. Johns Bal. A, Lakemba, 3.15

Newtown Congs A v St. Clements, Canterbury No. 3, 3.15.

St. Pauls v Ryde Meth., Leichhardt Flat, 2.30.

All Souls v Hurlstone Pk Congs, Canterbury No. 3, 1.45.

Third Grade.

Newtown Congs B v St. Johns Glebe, on Centennial Park No. 1.

St. Bedes v Croydon Congs B, Centennial Park No. 2.

St. Columbs the bye.

TO MEET MET. JUNIORS.

The following will represent the P.C.S.F.A. against the M.J.S. F.A. on Primrose Park to-day. Players to meet at the entrance to the ground at 2.30 p.m. sharp: J. Park (Austens F.C.), S. Heyward (Holy Trinity), J. Havill (All Souls), A. McMinn (All Souls), H. Powell (Austens F.C.),

De Dubin (St. George), Hyde (Lehardt Pres.), Grey (Holy Trinity), S. Kellick (Austens F.C., Capt.), V. Warren (Botany Meth. A.), R. Ridge (All Souls). Reserves: C. Heyward (Holy Trinity), A. W. Higgins (Enmore Tabs.), W. Harman (Alex. Congs).

SECOND GRADE A DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Holy Trinity	14	11	1	2	59	8	24
Botany Meth. A	14	10	2	2	45	20	22
N'town Congs A	14	10	3	1	44	23	21
Dul. Hill Bapt.	14	6	5	3	30	23	15
Alex. Congs	14	5	6	3	37	27	13
Tempe Pk. Meth.	14	3	10	1	19	54	7
Enmore Tabs.	14	2	10	2	15	52	6
M'ville Pres.	14	1	11	2	10	51	4

2nd GRADE B DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
All Souls	13	10	1	2	30	11	22
Austens F.C.	14	8	3	3	29	21	19
Croydon Congs A	14	6	5	3	35	18	15
All Saints	14	6	6	2	—	—	14
L'hardt Pres.	14	6	7	1	21	22	13
Fivedock Meth.	13	5	7	2	15	14	12
L'hardt Meth.	14	4	6	4	20	21	12
Ashfield Bap.	14	2	12	0	2	46	4

UNANIMITY.

A feature of last Monday's meeting was the unanimity with which the previous week's decision adopting district football was accepted by the delegates. There is no doubt that it is the intention of all parties concerned to give the district system a fair trial next season. This is a gratifying sign, for there is no doubt that we have big things ahead of us. The inauguration of the new scheme of things must be effected without delay, so that next year with the English team coming, we will be thoroughly organised.

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TWO BLUES v. PYRMONT RANGERS.

CLYDE OVAL, 3.15.

Referee: Mr. G. McLay.

TWO BLUES

(Light and Dark Blue)

| Goal |

C. CALLAGHAN

1—E. RIGBY

2—E. BAINBRIDGE

3—N. HILL

4—G. HOPKINS

5—T. CROFT

6—C. MACE

7—E. HOUSTON

8—W. GALLOWAY

9—E. WALDON

10—H. FLYNN

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6—R. OSBORNE

7—J. BURCHAM

9—E. ROBINSON

3—C. TIMMS

10—J. GIGG

5—J. SHIPLEY

11—G. KELSO

2—J. CRUM

14—L. STOREY

1—S. ROBINSON

F. ANDERSON

| Goal |

PYRMONT RANGERS

(Blue with White V and White Cuffs)

Reserves—Pyrmont Rangers: 8—E. Whittaker; 13—Hayton; 14—Crum.

Reserves—Two Blues: 11—S. Hawksley.

LEICHHARDT OVAL, 3.15.

SYDNEY v. AUBURN

Referee: Mr. A. E. Court.

SYDNEY

(Black and Blue)

| Goal |

H. GREAGG

1—S. G. MONTGOMERY

2—G. SMART

3—W. H. WILSON

4—L. FORRESTER

5—N. CHARLTON

or 11—A. OWEN

6—J. BURNS

7—R. H. FITZPATRICK

8—T. ROBSON

9—H. J. SHERINGHAM

10—F. L. MELLIER-SMITH

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10—E. BRUYERES

9—BOCABATEILLE

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7—MALCOLM

6—R. DUNN

5—MORRIS

4—J. PICKEN

3—JOASS

2—T. AMOS

1—STEVENS

L. EVANS

| Goal |

AUBURN

(Black and White Halves)

Reserve—Sydney: 12—E. Neilson; 14—A. Gallagher; 15—H. Graham; 16—D. Christie.

Reserve—Auburn: 11—M. Leabeater.

EARLY MATCH, 1.45 P.M.

BOORALEE ROVERS v. CALLAN PARK

(Red and Blue)

(Maroon and Gold)

Referee: Mr. D. Brown

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METROPOLITAN JUNIORS.

PRIMROSE PARK.

The early match on the above ground was the semi-final of the B Grade knock-out between Leichhardt Juniors and Banksmeadow the former running out winners 2 to 1 after an evenly contested game. Banksmeadow gained the upper hand towards the close, and looked like equalising, but the solid defence of Leichhardt kept them out.

Marrickville Avoca and Leichhardt Juniors played one another in the late fixture. Leichhardt started at a great pace, with the wind behind them, and gave Ogle a torrid time, but he rose to the occasion, and kept his citadel intact. At half-time the scores were one all. On resuming Avoca pressed, and were soon successful in increasing their tally. Leichhardt then took a hand, and were successful in equalising. Play was fairly even for a time, after which Leichhardt fell to pieces, and Avoca within a short space of time increased their score to five, one being from a penalty.

Pymont Refinery forfeited to United Juniors.

Newtown Iona and Warren Iona played another draw, the score being 2 all.

Leichhardt Wanderers were defeated by Enmore United, while Annandale Federals accounted for Botany Rechabites at the second attempt, and after a fast game by 2—1.

C GRADE REP. TEAM.

The following C Grade team have been selected to journey to Wollongong to-day to play the South Coast on Bode's Ground:—Goals: E. Hartley (Manly); backs: J. Kay (Warren Avoca) and Hancock (Rozelle Waratahs); halves: C. Bevan (Lilyfield), R. Seddon (Rozelle Waratahs), and W. Wright (Warren Avoca); forwards: Gladding (Punch Park), O'Grady (Newtown Iona), Ashton (Rozelle Waratahs), Ellis (Punch Park), and P. Sweeney (Warren Avoca). Reserves: Back: J. Franks (Warren Avoca); halves: Gregg (Rozelle Waratahs); forwards: Thorn (Botany).

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Spectators were treated to a fine exhibition on Canterbury Park last Saturday, where Campsie Athletics (B Grade) and Bankstown played a 1-all draw. The game was evenly contested and there was little to choose between the teams. This result makes the competition very interesting, as Athletics are one point in the lead of Rechabites, whom they meet in the final this week-end.

Canterbury Park (A Grade) and Lakemba No. 2 had a hard set-to in their game at headquarters, the result being 3 to nil in favor of the former. The feature of the match was the fine display given by Frank Clark, who has been out of form recently. He was successful in "bagging" 2 couple of goals.

Lakemba No. 1 (unbeaten A Grade premiers) had an easy victory in their game against Campsie Albions, winning by 12 to 1. The winners must be congratulated for the fine exhibitions given throughout the season.

In the early game at headquarters, Canterbury Park (C Grade) had no difficulty in beating Lakemba, the former winning by 3 to 1.

Bankstown (C Grade) caused a surprise in defeating Hurlstone Park, the result being 3 to 1. This leaves Canterbury Park with a clear lead in the C Grade.

The following have been selected to represent this district against Granville, at Auburn, to-day, at 3.15 p.m.:—H. Kelly (Revesby); J. Eccles (Canterbury), (Revesby), A. Walker (Albions), R. McVey (Canterbury), J. Watson (Canterbury), G. Rigby (Canterbury), R. Smith (Canterbury), F. Clark (Canterbury), (Revesby), C. Walker (Albions). Reserves: D. Burton and R. Walker. Players are requested to meet at 1.30 Campsie Railway Station. H. Briggs, Manager.

N.S.W. JUNIORS.

Successful Tour.

The New South Wales Juniors have had a most successful tour, winning by four goals to nil against Queensland, on Saturday, and six goals to one against Queensland on Monday. Adamson (3) and Crowhurst (1) netted on the Saturday, and Adamson (4), Paddock (1) and an opponent on the Monday. The team returned to Sydney last Thursday.

Previous Records.

The 1922 N.S.W. team played two games against Queensland, the first being drawn 2—2, and the second won by Queensland 5—2. The visitors defeated Toowoomba at Toowoomba on the return journey 7—0.

Queensland visited N.S.W. in 1923, under the management of Mr. J. J. Winch, and played five matches, winning 3 and losing two. Queensland defeated Tenterfield 5—1, N.S.W. 2—1, and Sydney 2—1, and lost to Newcastle 6—0, and N.S.W. 4—0.

THE GARDINER CUP.

One result of the adoption of district football will in all probability be the curtailing of entries in the Gardiner Cup. This year we unfortunately saw the spectacle of a junior team being defeated to the tune of 14 goals to 3. With, say 8 entries from the Metropolis; 8 from the Northern Districts; 6 from the South Coast, and perhaps one from the Western Districts, the competition will assume more, the stern struggle of first-class teams for supremacy.

COMPETITION TABLE.

	A Grade.										Goals	
	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts				
Lakemba No. 1	9	9	—	—	3	51	4	24				
Canterbury Pk.	10	7	2	1	2	33	7	19				
Lakemba No. 2	10	4	5	1	2	24	33	13				
Revesby Rovers	9	1	6	2	3	10	31	10				
Campsie Alb.	10	0	8	2	2	11	53	6				
	B Grade.										Goals	
	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts				
Campsie Ath.	13	8	1	4	1	36	7	22				
Campsie Rec.	13	8	2	3	1	39	13	21				
Lakemba	13	6	4	3	1	42	16	17				
Bankstown	14	7	5	2	0	40	21	16				
Revesby Rov.	13	1	12	0	1	5	86	4				

The St. George Association

COMPETITIONS COMPLETED.

The St. George Association completed all its competition matches in its A Grade competition last Saturday. Kogarah defeated Cronulla at the St. George Sports Ground, and Penshurst United defeated Lancashire at Dumbleton; this makes both teams equal on points, and a final match will take place on the St. George Sports Ground on September 6th.

The Management Committee at their meeting on Tuesday night decided not to play the final on Saturday, but to give both teams the opportunity of training before the final takes place. No players of either team have been selected to represent the Association against Ryde in the Association Cup to-morrow.

MATCHES FOR TO-MORROW.

St. George Sports Ground.

No. 1 Ground—C Grade Knock-out.

Banksia v Arncliffe, 1.45. Referee, W. Payne.

First Grade.

St. George v Leichhardt, 3.15. Referee, T. Anderson.

No. 2 Ground—C Grade Knock-out.

Kogarah v Rockdale, 1.45. Referee, H. G. Read.

St. George Protestant Churches Final.

Campsie Methodist v Carlton Methodists, 3.15.

ASSOCIATION CUP.

The following players have been selected to represent the St. George Association against Ryde Association at Ryde Park Oval to-morrow:—Goalkeeper: (W. Mercer (St. George); Full backs: T. Walmsley (St. George), S. Crebel (Arncliffe); Half-backs: L. Herwig (St. George), J. Saville (Arncliffe), J. Arrowsmith (Arncliffe); Forwards: W. Brown (Brighton), Hulbert (St. George), J. Jones (Arncliffe, Capt.), Gerrard (Cronulla), Barclay (Cronulla). Reserves: E. Coates (Penshurst), Wheeler (Cronulla), and Newhouse (Arncliffe).

Most of the players will leave Kogarah station by motor bus at 1 o'clock sharp, and will pick up the remainder who are in business in the city at Grace Bros. corner at 1.45 sharp. This match will practically decide the championship of the Metropolis.

If Ryde Association win, they will hold the Association Cup for 1924. Mr. E. Friskin has been appointed manager, and he has every confidence that the St. George team can win.

ST. GEORGE CHALLENGE CUP.

The Management Committee of the St. George Soccer Challenge Cup will meet at the Kogarah School of Arts on Tuesday night at 7.30, to make necessary arrangements for to commence the first round on September 6th. Clubs are advised to be in readiness. This Challenge Cup is a knock-out competition, and it will be conducted on similar lines as the State championship.

BOYS SCOUTS.

Murdoch Cup.

Kogarah 8, Hurstville 0.

STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Arncliffe's Crushing Defeat.

Arncliffe, who are the A Grade winners, with a goal average of 77 against 9, met Auburn, also a champion team of the Granville Association, at Clyde Oval last Saturday. In the first half the game was evenly contested, Auburn leading 2 to 1 at the interval.

In the second half Arncliffe's defence fell to pieces, and Auburn penetrated their defence upon five occasions, and won by 7 goals to 1. (McKay 4, and Barker 3) scored for Auburn, and Green for Arncliffe.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT TEAM.

The St. George District team were at home to Pyrmont Rangers, and after a hotly contested game the game resulted a scoreless draw. This result puts Rangers and Pyrmont level, and a final match is being played to-day to decide the premiership of the second division of First Grade.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

St. George District team will meet Leichhardt at the St. George Sports Ground, and a good even contest is expected.

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Dye Cup.

Kogarah 5 (Storey 3, Lawlor, Wilkin son), Cronulla 4 (Barclay 2, Gerrard, Richards).

Arncliffe drew with St. George—scoreless draw.

Penshurst United 2, Lancashire 0. Hurstville 3, Brighton 2.

C GRADE.

Kogarah 1, St. George 1.

Banksia 2, Rockdale 1.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

Dye Cup										
	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts		
Kogarah	18	14	3	1	0	90	26	26		
Pens. United	18	12	2	3	1	48	15	29		
Arncliffe	18	10	2	5	1	46	6	27		
St. George	18	11	3	4	0	33	27	26		
Cronulla	18	6	6	6	0	39	38	17		
Hurstville	18	6	7	5	0	30	50	17		
Rockdale	18	6	10	2	0	31	28	14		
Penshurst	18	1	10	6	1	17	57	10		
Brighton	18	1	12	5	0	26	74	7		
Lancashire	18	0	14	4	0	24	63	4		

A Grade.

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts
Arncliffe	18	14	1	1	2	77	9	30
Kogarah	18	12	3	1	2	69	15	29
Tempe Rgs.	18	10	5	1	2	58	32	25
Rovers	18	10	5	1	2	40	23	25
Lancashire	18	9	5	2	2	37	32	24
Tempe Iona	18	6	9	1	2	26	40	17
Rockdale	18	5	10	1	2	18	61	13
Brighton	18	2	14	0	2	14	68	8
Cronulla	18	0	16	0	2	12	73	4

C Grade.

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts
Arncliffe	15	11	1	0	3	37	10	28
Kogarah	15	6	4	2	3	26	15	20
St. George	15	6	5	1	3	30	18	19
Banksia	15	3	5	4	3	22	35	16
Rockdale	15	0	11	1	3	7	54	7

The Eastern Suburbs Junior Association was granted affiliation by the M.S.F.A. last Monday night, and the boundaries of its area was approved. This Association is likely to be a very strong junior association, and many promises of support have been received. Over 20 clubs have already joined up.

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The Granville Association

A QUERY.

Is the Junior Board of Control capable of settling disputes, is the question of the day up this way. We recently protested against another association for playing a disqualified player. The Junior Board in one resolution found him not guilty. In the next he was suspended till he appears before this Association to have his original suspension lifted. We read of problems; this is one for someone to solve. We lost our protest, according to our junior legislators. We may come again.

To-day we meet Canterbury Association in the Cup at Gees Ground, Auburn. Our All-Age competition is suspended accordingly with the exception of Kewpies and Merrylands, who will meet at Blaxcell Street. Neither team has any chance of winning the premiership, but Merrylands are still in the "Cottam," and must be kept in action.

The contending of Lidcombe and English Electric for the premiership is prolonging the season. E.E. are leading by one point, and both have two matches to play. Strange to say each have to play Auburn and Easts.

Should Auburn beat Electric, and Lidcombe Easts—I had better stop prophesying, otherwise I will be hauled over the coals again.

The mighty Kewpies came an awful crash at the hands of United A.B. in the Ainslie Cup. I believe that Kewps had terribly bad luck, and were only beaten by the odd goal, after a good hard game. The little Kewps are all under 16, and were up against under 18 players, so the odds were against them.

The final between Kewps and United A next Saturday should be a great game. After to-day Auburn v United B game we should be able to proceed with the semi-finals of the Ainslie Cup next Saturday. Two Blues, Advance and United A have already qualified.

In the All-Age E.E. were 2 goals too clever for Merrylands, and won a patchy game 3—1.

Caledonians turned the tables on Kewpies and won 2—1.

Lidcombe beat Easts 3—0. This result throws some light on my "ifs" a bit higher up.

The Richardson Cup match in front of the big match at Clyde on Saturday was a one-sided affair.

Auburn gave Arncliffe A a hiding to the tune of 7—1. With a wonderful record like the A's have, we were a wee bit scared.

Auburn played a clever game and deserved the win.

Although Magpie's played below form they had very little trouble with Gladesville, and won 4—2.

The final of the Argus Cup is to be played to-day at Clyde.

The senior premiers, Auburn, will meet Parramatta at 2 p.m., and a great game should be seen. Both teams play clever football, and the result is very doubtful.

The decision reached in connection with the district scheme has met with general satisfaction in this area.

As soon as the scheme is finalised, it is intended to call all the players together with a view to moulding definite proposals for the proper working of the teams.

Our local competitions should be considerably strengthened in many ways, and the future for the game seems assured.

This applies equally to all the other districts where an association is established.

The whole thing is indeed a triumph for constitutional government.

To date 12,977 people have paid for admission to Clyde ground, which is an average of 589 persons for each match this season. These figures clearly prove what the possibilities are with a first grade match every Saturday.

The Rosehill school team journeyed to Newcastle last week, and a visit to the big works and a game completed the programme. As I have not been advised of the result, I guess the boys from the coaly city gave our boys a towelling.

The Hills B team are leading by 1 point in the second grade from Granville.

Carlingford appear to have the first grade well in hand.

This is the school which beat Blaxcell Street, with only three boys.

One joker played in goal in addition to full-backs and halves. The other two were forwards.

COMPETITION TABLES.

All-Age										
	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts		
E.E.	12	10	2	—	28	20	20			
Lidcombe	12	9	2	1	20	7	19			
Kewpies	13	7	4	2	25	13	16			
Auburn	11	6	4	1	32	18	18			
Easts	9	5	4	—	29	21	10			
Caledonians	11	5	6	—	12	18	10			
Merrylands	12	3	9	—	9	44	6			

OUT UPON THE ENEMIES WITHIN.

(From the "Athletic News.")

Some vandals who have no sentiment are urging that club colors should be abolished, and that football teams should be dressed like soldiers and sailors, in red and blue. Let them carry their unsentimental opinions along the line of the purity of the game and of the punishment of the cheat rather than of destroying the cherished colors of clubs.

These may be trivialities to some of the Gradgrind gang, but let these men, who have no respect for a club jersey, a banner, a flag, which are all symbols, concentrate their matter-of-fact minds upon punishing the cheat who debases the game he lives by, or of throwing him out of football.

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To-day's Fixtures.

Gladesville v Bal. Gladstones
Wentworth Park, 3.15. Mr. J
Lester.

Auburn v. Sydney, Leichhardt
Oval. Mr. A. E. Court.
Pymont Rangers v Two Blues
Clyde Oval. Mr. G. M'LAY.

Second Division.

Final: Pymont v Rangers
Wentworth Park Oval, 1.45. Mr.
A. W. Bates.
St. George v Leichhardt, St
George Sports Ground, 3.15. Mr.
T. Anderson.

THE SUNLIGHT CUP.

Bankstown v Eastern Suburbs
Canterbury No. 1, 3.15.
Manly v Botany Albions, Boor-
alee, 3.15.
Sydney v Alexandria, Waterloo
3.15.

Sunlight v Garden Island, Cres-
cent Oval, 3.15.

Booralee v Callan Pk., Leich-
hardt, 1.45.

Metters v Burns Club, Water-
loo, 1.45.

Annandale Alt. v Campsie This-
tle, Easton Park, 3.15.

Lilyfield Rangers v Pymont,
Ibrox Park, 1.45.

MATCHES OUTSTANDING
AFTER TO-DAY.

Bal. Gladstones v Gladesville
(re-play).

Fourth Series.

Bal. Fernleigh v Bal. Gladstones
Sydney v Granville.

Fifth Series.

Gladesville v Bal. Gladstones

Sixth Series.

Bal. Gladstones v Granville.

Bal. Fernleigh v Pymont Rgs.

Seventh Series.

Two Blues v Sydney.

Second Division.

Leichhardt v St. George (de-
ferred).

Outstanding Matches.—Gran-
ville 2, Auburn nil, Two Blues 1,
Bal. Fernleigh 2, Bal. Gladstones
3, Pymont Rangers 1, Sydney 2,
Gladesville 1.

COMPETITION TABLES.

Premiership.

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rangers	14	9	2	3	41	13	21
Pymont	14	9	2	3	45	19	21
West Sydney	14	7	1	6	38	17	20
St. George	13	6	4	3	27	17	15
Leichhardt	13	5	5	3	26	21	13
Bal. Scottish	14	2	8	4	14	39	8
Lachlan Rgs.	14	3	11	—	20	52	6
Canterbury	14	2	10	2	19	53	6

W. LINCOLN CUP.

1st Division.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	5	4	—	1	19	7	9
Two Blues	5	3	1	1	8	5	7
Bal. Gladstones	4	3	1	—	5	3	6
Auburn	6	3	3	—	10	12	6
Gladesville	6	1	3	2	9	16	4
Pymont Rgs.	5	2	3	—	10	8	4
Bal. Fernleigh	5	—	3	2	7	14	2
Sydney	4	—	2	2	2	5	2

2nd Division.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
West Sydney	7	5	—	2	20	5	12
Pymont	7	6	1	—	22	4	12
Rangers	7	4	1	2	23	2	10
Canterbury	7	2	4	1	7	27	5
Lachlan Rgs.	7	2	5	—	6	24	4
Leichhardt	6	1	3	2	5	6	4
St. George	6	1	4	1	7	10	3
Bal. Scottish	7	1	4	2	6	19	3

SUNLIGHT CUP

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Ann. Altona	4	4	—	—	17	2	8
Bankstown	4	4	—	—	4	1	8
Alexandria	4	3	—	1	6	4	7
Sydney	4	3	—	1	9	2	7
Sunlight	4	3	—	1	12	3	7
E. Suburbs	4	3	—	1	10	4	7
Metters	4	3	1	—	17	5	6
Campsie Thistle	4	3	1	—	8	5	6
Pymont	4	2	1	1	8	4	5
Garden Island	4	2	1	1	3	5	5
Callan Park	4	2	1	1	8	9	5
Lilyfield Rgs.	4	2	2	—	9	9	4
Booralee Rovers	4	2	2	—	9	10	4
Botany Albions	4	1	2	1	9	8	3
Burns Club	4	1	3	—	4	9	2
Manly	4	—	3	1	5	19	1
Gladesville	4	—	3	1	2	10	1
South Sydney	4	—	3	1	1	13	1
Fire Brigades	4	—	4	—	1	6	0
N. Suburbs	4	—	4	—	2	8	0
Drummoyne	4	—	4	—	4	12	0

West Sydney withdrawn.

RESULTS OF MATCHES, SATURDAY,
23rd AUGUST, 1924.

State Championship.

West Wallsend beat Balmain Glad-

stones 7—0.

Wallsend drew with Balmain Fernleigh

1—1.

Premiership.

Auburn beat Two Blues 2—1.

Pymont Rangers beat Sydney 2—0.

Granville beat Gladesville 4—2.

2nd Division.

Pymont beat Lachlan Rangers 7—0.

West Sydney beat Canterbury 2—0.

Rangers drew with St. George 0—0.

Leichhardt and Balmain Scottish drew

1—1.

Sunlight Cup.

Annandale beat Manly 7—0.
Campsie Thistle beat Pymont 3—2.
Gladesville and South Sydney drew
1—1.
Booralee Rovers beat Metters 3—2.
Sydney beat Botany Albions 2—0.
Callan Park beat Garden Island 3—0.
Burns Club beat Lilyfield Rangers
3—0.
Sunlight beat Northern Suburbs 1—0.
Fire Brigades forfeited to Bankstown.
Drummoyne forfeited to Alexandria.
West Sydney forfeited to Eastern Sub-
urbs.

The Granville District Football
Association have a charter from
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competitions.

THE W. LINCOLN CUP.

The matches played to-day will
have a big bearing on the W. Lin-
coln Cup competition, and it may
be possible to make the first draw
for this competition next Monday
night. Three teams have quali-
fied in the Second Division—West
Sydney, Pymont and Rangers—
and the certainties in the First
Division appear to be Granville
and Two Blues. Other teams with
a very good chance of qualifying
are Balmain Gladstones and Au-
burn. Pymont Rangers appear
likely to be the fifth team, al-
though Gladesville, Sydney and
Balmain Fernleigh are all in the
running yet. The position will
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